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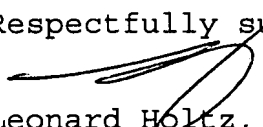
Claim 1 has been amended to change the European-style terminology "characterized" to the generally-used U.S. terminology --comprising--. The amendment is formal in nature, does not go to the merits, does not alter the scope of the claims, and is clearly of such a nature as to be permissible under 37 C.F.R. 1.312(a).

It is respectfully requested that the above amendment to claim 1 be approved and entered to put the claims in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent.

Submitted concurrently herewith is a Letter to the Official Draftsperson supplying new drawings overcoming the objections set forth in the Form PTO-948 attached to the Notice of Allowance. Approval and entry is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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